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Information

1. At about 10 p.m. on 26 February, 25 to 30 trucks, each towing a 120-mm mortar, 3 radio trucks and 3 trucks towing field kitchens moved from Koenigsbrueck toward Niesa. The trucks carried 3 to 4 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets [REDACTED]

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2. Between 15 February and 1 March, the Nachrichten Kaserne in Koenigsbrueck quartered not less than 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 30 percent with tank insignia. About 30 T-34 tanks and armored personnel carriers were identified in the barracks area. Troops daily practiced firing rifles and submachine guns in the area and, on several days, also practiced with T-34 tanks. Up to 5 tanks were counted. They engaged in driving practice or firing. At night and in the early morning, tanks frequently drove to the area of Lausnitz Heath, from where they usually returned at about 4 a.m. Troops on 3 or 4 trucks were brought from the installation to Neues Lager almost daily. They returned at night. [REDACTED]

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3. The Neues Lager quartered 100 to 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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4. Individual artillery fire was heard for two or three hours from Neues Lager during the period of observation. Two times, 2-hour night firing by light and medium calibers was heard. On three days, rocket launchers fired for one hour.

5. A tent camp was established in Lausnitz Heath, between the localities of Lausnitz and Wuerschnitz. Tank tracks led to the camp. [REDACTED]

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6. The following troop shipments were identified in Koenigsbrueck between 15 February and 12 March:

On 15 February: SP guns on T-34 chassis [redacted] T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and truck [redacted] from Leisnig to Schwepnitz.⁴ 25X1

On 22 February: 8 boxcars and 21 flatcars with unidentified load from Koenigsbrueck to Halle.

On 23 February: 14 flatcars with 15 trucks, 6 x 37-mm AA guns and an AA machine gun in position and 10 boxcars from Koenigsbrueck to Weimar.⁵

25 February: 24 flatcars and 6 boxcars with undetermined load from Koenigsbrueck to Leisnig.⁶

26 February: 1 boxcarload of ammunition, 1 boxcar with billeting equipment and 5 flatcars with 10 trucks [redacted] 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 2 AA machine guns were shipped to an undetermined destination. 25X1

6 March: 14 flatcars with sideracks carrying 12 trucks and 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 6 boxcars from Koenigsbrueck to Ohrdruf.

7 March: 11 flatcars with sideracks with 12 trucks [redacted] and 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 4 boxcars from Koenigsbrueck to Weimar.⁷ 25X1

9 and 10 March: 3 shipments, allegedly loaded in Schwepnitz. The destination could not be learned.

10 and 11 March: 2 trains with undetermined load from Koenigsbrueck toward Dresden and Hohenbocka.⁸

12 March: several field howitzers, 9 trucks [redacted] and 3 prime movers [redacted] from Koenigsbrueck to Miltenburg. 25X1

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[redacted] a transfer of tanks of the 64th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div. The regiment is thus confirmed in Leisnig up to February 1954. The movement on 25 February presumably was the return movement of the unit.

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[redacted] The observation of light AA guns and motor vehicle [redacted] of the Eighth Gds Army confirms that light AAA units of the Eighth Gds Army continuously engaged in firing at Koenigsbrueck.

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